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Appointment of a sub-assistant surgeon for the Vinjamoor dispensary.

*823 Q.—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that in Vinjamoor dispensary (Nellore district) there is no sub-assistant surgeon for the last six months ; and

(b) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to ask the local boards concerned to rectify matters ?

A.—(a) & (b) There has been no sub-assistant surgeon at Vinjamur since the middle of July, but it is hoped to fill up the vacant post very shortly.

Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi :—" May I know whether Government have ascertained the reasons why the post was not filled for the last four and a half months ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" That is a local board dispensary."

Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi :—" Whatever that may be, did the Government make any inquiry ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" They have made an inquiry."

Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi :—" Have they ascertained the reasons ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" We are told that a man could not be got."

Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi :—" Was there any advertisement ? "

Public Health

Water-supply schemes in Kurnool district.

*824 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state, in view of replies given to question No. 186 on 6th September 1928, for each taluk board area in the Kurnool district—

(a) the estimated cost of the water-supply schemes for the years 1927–28 and 1928–29 ;

(b) the amount of Government grant sanctioned ;

(c) the amount contributed by the local boards—taluk or district ;

(d) the total amount thus available ;

(e) the deficit, if any, to make up the estimated cost of the year's programme ; and

(f) the measures taken to make up such deficit ?

A.—(a) to (e) A statement [a] is laid on the table.

(f) The Government have not undertaken to meet half the cost of all the works included in the programme for each year, much less to make up the entire difference between the full cost of projected schemes and the contributions of local boards thereto.

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Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—"In view of the fact that nearly half the money is to be made up, may I know whether it is the intention of the Government not to carry out this programme within the next five years, or whether they have made any suggestions to the local board, or whether the matter is under correspondence and if so will the hon. the Minister be pleased to place that on the table of the House ?"

The hon. the President :—"It is an excessively long question and so it is not admissible."

Registration

Acting clerks in the Registration department in West Godavari district.

*825-A Q.—Mr. D. Narayana Raju : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) how many acting clerks there are in the Registration department, West Godavari district, and to what communities they belong ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the only Brahman acting clerk in the Registration department, West Godavari district, was ousted on communal grounds ; and

(c) whether it is a fact that he had to his credit long acting service and good work and conduct ?

A.—Information has been called for.

Additional establishment for sub-registry offices in West Godavari.

*825-B Q.—Mr. D. Narayana Raju : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government are contemplating the establishment of any additional sub-registrar's offices in West Godavari district ; and

(b) if so, where they are proposed to be located ?

A.—(a) & (b) No.

Corporation of Madras

Timber tax collected by the Corporation of Madras during 1921—1927.

*826 Q.—Dr. B. S. Mallayya : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what is the amount collected as timber tax by the Corporation of Madras during each of the years 1921 to 1927 ;

(b) what is the amount of rebate given on timber alleged to have been exported from the city of Madras during each of the years 1921 to 1927 ;

(c) whether there was any irregularity in the payment of this rebate, or defalcation in the timber accounts of the Corporation ; and

(d) what action the Government propose to prevent a repetition of those irregularities ?

A.—(a) & (b) A statement [a] is annexed.

(c) The hon. Member is referred to the report of the Timber Defalcations Enquiry Committee appointed by the Madras Corporation in 1925 for an answer to this question ;

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 527 infra.